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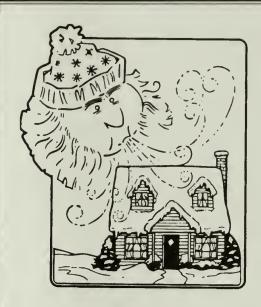
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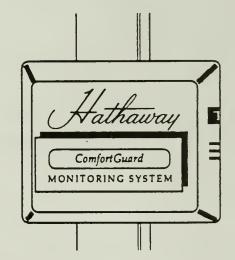
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Over 60 Acushnet Middle School students seemed right at home as they poured off their school bus into the Old Colony doors for a first class tour. Like their own school, Old Colony is smaller and some might say friendlier than larger high schools. "They are used to a small school, we get to know everybody," said school librarian Chris Watling. Teachers also know students on a personal level, she explained.

Since Acushnet doesn't have its own high school, students must choose between New Bedford High School, Fairhaven High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. Touring the facilities is one way to help the students make the right decision.

The students were split up into several groups with honor society students and teachers leading the way through the hallways at Old Colony in a fun, upbeat environment.

Their first stop was in the Drafting department where students can work on architectural and mechanical subjects. "Here is our wall of greatness," joked Cassie Martin who showed them a wall full of blue prints. The department has also helped design the Rochester Environmental Park.

In the Health Careers department, sophomores sat in a room with plastic dummies lying on cots, catching the attention of the Acushnet students. Mrs. Santos' students introduced themselves to the eight graders; many of them plan to become a registered nurses or physical therapists. They will all graduate as a certified nurse's aid. When asked what they have learned so far, students said they have learned how to read vital signs and how to work as a team.

Students also get hands on experience working 10-12 weeks in a nursing home as they near graduation.

In the Cosmetology Department, where students were practicing their manicure skills, Mrs. Bretto explained that the department offered a full service salon at cost "so the students get work experience," she said. Students must accumulate 1,000 hours of work experience during their time at the school.

After passing the state boards, the students can work as apprentices for two years and eventually open a shop of their own, she said. "Or they proceed to get more education, business has become a big part of it." Most recently three of her former students have opened their own business in their own home. In a shop related class, students must study the nerves of the head and neck since

they will be working on them a great deal.

Students also toured the Computer Technology Learning Center where the motto is, "every student who graduates will be technology literate."

In the Welding Department, students learned that women in general have a natural ability to weld. "Don't think this is just a man's job," said Doug Desroche, instructor and former Old Colony student. He said two freshman female students did an outstanding job, even surpassing some seniors. He showed them a trailer they made for the senior class to raffle off the raise money for proms and graduation. "We get a lot of jobs from outside customers," he explained.

Old Colony Student Mike Souza enthusiastically introduced the students to the Automotive Shop. He too told them girls are in that shop as well. In his freshmen year he learned how to give an oil change, wheel alignment and in his senior year he is learning how to fix air conditioning and even building a motor. "The co-op is a big advantage," he said. Students get to work out in the field for class credit.

"How many of you here want to go to college?" he asked the group of students. Every one raised their hands. "I got accepted to a two-year college, they actually encouraged (attending a vocational school)," he said.

Mike Souza had something in common with the students; he graduated from Ford Middle School as well. "It's kind of the same..it's faster moving but

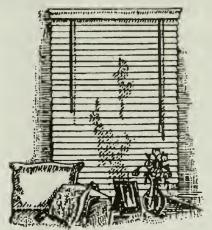
On The Cover: Eighth grade Acushnet Middle School students Josh Leonor, Dan DeAmaral and Steven DeFreitas take a tour of the Machine and Tool Technology Department at Old Colony.

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we are all friends," he said.

"The teachers, the staff, everyone is here to help you, whether it's homework or anything," he said.

Eighth grader Steven DeFrietas wanted to know if they did outside jobs as well because his father is fixing up a car. Mike told him they did a lot of outside jobs. Some of the students wanted to know if it was "fun." He said it was. "You even get to wear a tie," he laughed because he was all dressed up for the occasion. On the more serious side, he said he understood it was a big decision in their lives.

"Weigh up your options, you can go to college (from here). I know it's a big thing. It'll work out for you in the long run. The best advice I can give you is to go to Old Colony," he said.

He said he decided to attend Old Colony after attending one of the tours of the school.

In the Carpentry Department, Mr. Rogers showed the students pictures of projects his classes have taken on, such as building ramps in area towns, including Acushnet and building the gazebo outside of the Acushnet P olice Department. "The first project we do is a saw horse, a hand tool project," he said. The eighth graders looked amazed at all of the work that was accomplished.

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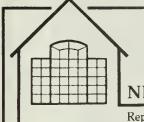
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Eighth grader Tracy Kirby said she was undecided about which school she wanted to attend. "I'm not sure yet, maybe culinary arts," she said. Jody Messier, Lauren Phaneuf and Jessica Samson were in the same boat and said they were still undecided about where to attend high school.

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Priscilla Smith-Trudeau is a Registered Nurse, writer, and lecturer on the issues of human and animal rights. A graduate from the University of the State of New York her career has been focused on combining conventional and holistic medicine. She believes that animals have a powerful effect on the physical, mental and emotional well-being of people. She is a member of the Wellness Resource Center, Greyhound Friends, Inc., and the New Bedford Animal Rescue League.

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Josh Leonor was 100 percent positive he wanted to attend Old Colony. "I'm really looking forward to it," the eighth grader said. He is still undecided about which shop he wants; luckily he'll get to try out different shops during the exploratory" time before he makes his decision.

"It's really helped by coming here. It seems fun," he said. Dan DeAmaral said he had wanted to attend New Bedford High School at first. "This is getting fun, I'm not sure," he said.

Steven DeFreitas said his mind was pretty much made up. "I'm definitely going to come here," he said.

Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting January 29, 1996

by Amelia Thrall

A Special Town Meeting in Mattapoisett was called to order on Tuesday January 29, 1996 at 7:40 pm in the auditorium of the Old Rochester Regional High School by Town Moderator Bill Blasdale. Present were Selectmen Chairman Paul Lambalot. Selectman Daniel O. Mahoney, Selectman John N. DeCosta, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams, along with the town clerk, town accountant, and members of the finance committee.

The voters considered the following articles on the warrant:

• ARTICLE 1: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$6,026.08, transferred from Free Cash, for unpaid bills from FY 1995. This was passed unanimously.

• ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$49,665.28 to defray expenses of the town. The voters agreed unanimously to transfer

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these funds which will be supplemental to the money already appropriated by the town for the FY 1996.

• ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will transfer \$3,227.50 from Free Cash for a senior center and office space for the Council on Aging at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This will be used for salaries, maintenance, operating expenses, and start-up costs. This sum of money will cover the next the three months until it appears on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. "This is an experimental thing," said Selectman DeCosta. "We'd like to try it out for a year." The voters agreed unanimously.





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• ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$200,000 for groundwater and soil remediation at the site of the gasoline leak at the police station. About 100 gallons of gasoline were pumped out when the leak was originally discovered, and 200 additional gallons have been removed since that time. It may take up to three years to remove the estimated 1,000 to 3,000 gallons of gasoline which remain in the groundwater and soil. The lowest bidder, C.E.A., will charge the town for the installation of borrowed equipment and a monthly operating cost. The town passed the article with a vote of 235-20.

• ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 to the Reserve Fund. This passed with a vote of 245-2.

• ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will appropriate \$134,000 to the Stabilization Fund which presently has a balance of \$66,000. The town passed the article with a vote of 220-20.

• ARTICLE 10: (The voters agreed, 200-10, to place Article 10 before Article 7 since the outcome of one affected the wording of the other.) To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning by-law, giving the planning board more control over the construction of businesses and multiple-family homes. Because there were not enough copies of the



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warrant with the Site Plan Review proposal for the use of all the voters and many warrants were missing a page of the proposal, a movement was made to lay it on the table. This was rejected after a vote of 60-140. Barry Denham, representing the planning board, said that the passage of this article, with the required 2/3 vote, would give the board "special permit granting authority." The voters rejected the proposal with a vote of 79-134.

• ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning by-law by adding, originally, the following new paragraph to Subsection G:

"4. Public and private golf facilities with 9 or 18 regulation length golf holes located on a parcel or parcels of land containing not less than 75 acres, such golf courses to include any other facilities normally associated with a 9-hole or 18-hole golf course, but specifically excluding miniature golf facilities, fast food restaurants and ice cream shops." Because the Site Plan Review proposal did not pass, the wording was amended so that a special permit would be required to construct public and private golf facilities.

The previous zoning by-laws had no provision for a course with public access. The proposed golf course, which is planned for the area south of Industrial Drive and east of North Street, will cover 660 acres, of which more than 300 are wetlands. The voters rejected a movement made to amend the article so that it would read, "...not less than 75 contiguous acres, wetlands excluded,...." The voters approved the article, which required a 2/3 vote, 190-5.

• ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning by-law by deleting the words "effective date July 15, 1992" from Section VIII and

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replacing it with "original effective date March 16, 1973 and as further amended from time to time." This article was passed unanimously.

• ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning by-law by deleting paragraph 4 of Subsection B, appearing in Section VIII and replacing it with the following new paragraph:

"4. Compliance

No structure or land in the Flood Plain District shall be used and no structure shall be built located on, extended, converted or structurally altered without full compliance with the terms of this By-Law, the Massachusetts State Building Code, the Federal Register Federal Emergency Management Agency 44 CFR Ch. 1, Section 60.3(e) as amended from time to time and any other applicable regulations." The voters passed this article unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.



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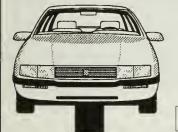
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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting January 30, 1996

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday January 30, 1996 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Daniel O. Mahoney, Selectman John N. DeCosta and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

Selectmen approved the minutes of the Board held on January 23, 25, and Saturday, January 27, 1996. Selectmen also signed a contract for the Stormwater Project on Mattapoisett Neck Road and Olivers Lane.

Selectmen will meet on Thursday, February 1 at 3:00 pm to review budgets for Fiscal Year 1997. Ms. Adams also noted there will be a meeting held on Tuesday, February 6 at 8:00 pm with Steve Rand, Developer of Brandt Point Corporation. In a letter to Selectmen, he states he has retained services of FXM associates, an economic and planning research firm based in Mattapoisett.

"The scope of their studies are both fiscal and economic. The economic and fiscal impacts to the town of Mattapoisett will be addressed in the reports in detail. A full proposal will be made available to Selectmen on February 2, 1996, through the executive secretary. A subsequent meeting with the Board of Selectmen, representatives from Peabody and Brown and myself is requested with the Board...at that time I would welcome suggestions and requests and specific direction with regards to the reports."

Ms. Adams noted should would notify all those present at the previous site review hearing so they may be present as well.



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Under incoming correspondence Selectmen received a letter from Tibbetts Engineering Corp. regarding the North Street reconstruction. The letter states, "We apologize for the delay in providing your office with a formal status report on the North Street project. Please be aware, however, that we have been working on several aspects of this project since the October 25, 1995 public hearing including redesign of the roadway based on the typical section agreed upon as well as developing preliminary drainage design concepts. As you are aware, we have been proceeding on the basis that the Massachusetts Highway Department accept-at the time of that October meeting-a reduced roadway width."

The letter also states that "on or about January 15, 1996 at a meeting with the District 5 Mass. Highway Department personnel, we were made aware of changes made to the Mass. Highway

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standards, we strongly suggest that your office request a waiver based on the typical section agreed to at the October 25, 1996 public hearing and subsequently adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its October 30, 1995 meeting. At this point we need direction from your office as to how you wish to proceed."

Chairman Lambalot said he would ask Tibbetts Engineering to "hold off on any work on drainage until we have further meetings with the division." They made a motion to proceed with the request for the waiver and conform to the design that was reached on October 25, 1995.

They noted they would discuss the matter again next week, once they received more information.

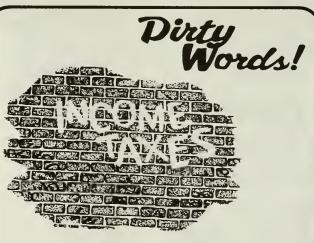
Under incoming correspondence Selectmen also received a letter from Robert Ahern, Public Communications Manager for Nynex. He stated that he can find no reasonable public need for an additional pay phone service along Route 6.

Selectmen also discussed letters received from Paul Lopes and Mary Redmen with regard to their EMT status being suspended. The letters stated because their emergency medical calls had fallen in the last 3 months, they have been suspended from active duty from the Mattapoisett EMS system. Ms. Adams noted she spoke with Lt. Pina of the Mattapoisett Police Department. "He told me he









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explained to Paul that he if turned his beeper, he could give it to someone who could make more runs," she said. She also said Lt. Pina said they were placed on a reserve list. "He never said anything about being suspended." Selectman Mahoney said they needed to straighten out the language. "We did appoint them," he said. Chairman Lambalot said it was important for a person who had a beeper to respond to calls. "I hate to be in a position to micromanage EMT calls," he added.

Selectmen asked Ms. Adams to contact both individuals and explain what she had been told by Lt. Pina. Selectman Mahoney said he hoped that would take the "sting out of this."

Selectmen also received a letter of resignation as a member of the Conservation Commission from Ronald Scott. He stated his position with the Fire Department is demanding more and more time. He feels he can't contribute 100 percent as a member of the Conservation Commission.

Notification was also received from Donald Correia, that the Lion's Club seeks permission to hold its' Harbor Days festivities. The Triathalon will be held on Sunday, July 14; Strawberry Festival will be held on Wednesday, July 17. Harbor Days will begin on Friday evening, July 19 with a chowder supper and the Craft Fair will be held on July 20 and 21.

Selectmen unanimously approved these dates.

A letter was also received from the Water/ Sewer Commissioners to certify that the town has been awarded \$8,740 from the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund. This fund is established to provide assistance in the mitigation of sewer rate increases.

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Lastly, Selectmen received a letter from the Office of Communities and Development, a copy of the latest update of the Community Profile. There being no further business for Selectmen to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting January 30, 1996

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday January 30, 1996 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert E. Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

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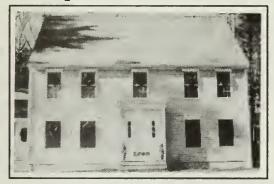
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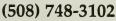
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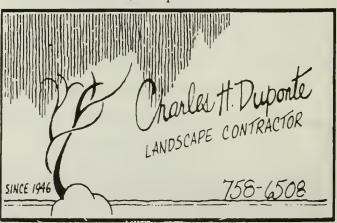
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Correspondence for the week include a letter from Thomas Crotty, town counsel, in response to some questions from Executive Secretary Pickles. He said that it is possible for the town to "impose a limit on the total number of residential building permits issued each year." Mr. Crotty said, "...A limit on development, like a complete temporary ban on development, will need a sound reason to support the town's concern about development."

Executive Secretary Pickles had also asked if certain areas could "protected" based on their aesthetic value. Mr. Crotty wrote that this is allowed by the zoning statute, but it would "take away all use...It would either be unenforceable, or would render the town liable for damages."

The Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) sent an "invoice for the town's assessment for FY 97." In the past, BBAC has been funded by voluntary contribution, but this year the valuation and population of each of the thirteen communities involved in BBAC was considered to determine what would be paid by each town. Marion will pay \$1,250, only \$250 more than last year.

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The Buzzards Bay Project sent a request for proposals for planning assistance. One town will be rewarded funds for an open space plan. The town must send a proposal by Friday, February 9, 1996.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue wrote that the towns will be charged \$1,800 for each police recruit that is sent to the Criminal Justice Training Council's 18 week training program.

At 7:15 pm, the board met with the planning board and the growth management committee. The

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committee has completed an extensive report of planning recommendations. Selectman Schaefer pointed out that growth management is never finished. "Not everything is going to happen overnight." Copies of the report will be available at the Town Hall and at the upcoming Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 1996.

At 7:30 pm, the board met with Susan King, Animal Control Officer. She recommended creating a fine for certain offenses. As it is, she returns some dogs to their owners fairly often. The Selectmen agreed that this should be attempted, regardless of the success of creating a leash law. They plan to place a non-binding referendum on the warrant to find out the town's opinion of a leash law.

The first of two public meetings concerning the purchase of land will be held Thursday, February 1 at 7:00 pm in the Music Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

With no other matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting January 29, 1996

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, January 29 at 7:10 pm by Chairman Michael Murphy. Selectman David L. Hughes, Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes and Administrative Secretary Shirley A. Ferreira were also present.

After approving the minutes from the January 16 and 22 meetings, with some corrections made by Selectman Hawkes, an earth removal hearing for R.H. Bogs, Inc. was held. Bill Madden, a representative from GAF Engineering, explained that 53,500 cubic yards of materials from property

off Mary's Pond Road would be removed to square off an existing bog. Selectman Hughes made a motion to grant R.H. Bogs permission to remove the materials in three phases with the "normal stipulations" Selectmen give. There were no abutters present who objected to the work.

About 50 people showed up to show their support to reappoint Chief Denham for a 3-year term.

Under correspondence, Selectmen received six letters from residents in support of Chief Walter V. Denham to continue serving as police chief. Many of the residents wrote they felt Selectmen (Chairman Murphy and Selectman Hughes) were



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Resident Todd Bodeau wrote, "I hope you change your mind. At this point, I will not be supporting your reelection." One 18-year old resident said, "I believe it will be a mistake not to reappoint Chief Denham...I believe his degree of education has nothing to do with his ability to perform as the Chief of Police...maybe we should be looking for someone who could bring a higher degree of education along with fresh and new ideas to your positions." The resident also commended Selectman Hawkes for taking a stand for the chief.

Another resident, Dorothy Tuttle, asked Selectmen to think through what they planned to do. Alice Woodward also requested Selectmen reappoint the chief. "All townspeople I have talked with support and appreciate the protection he has given to our town, and certainly our crime problems are better controlled than in other communities...it would be shortsighted indeed, considering monies spent on his training and schooling over the last few years, not to take advantage of his expertise. That he has succeeded despite the lack of support from your Board, is a credit to his determination to bring the best police protection he can to all our citizens," wrote Ms. Woodward.

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A letter was also received from Patricia and Fred Tomkiewicz stating their dissatisfaction with the chief and the police department. They said as taxpayers they should have police patrol in the area of their home . "When asked why we had no police patrol in our area, his answer was that they only patrol up to the gun club on Dexter Lane." They also

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stated they built in the town because they felt that this was where they wanted to spend their years but "because of lack of police protection, I now fear for my life."

Also under incoming correspondence, several Rochester residents asked Selectmen to read their letters supporting the reappointment of Chief Denham out loud. Michael and Roxanne Costa, who were present at the meeting, said they wanted some answers to the questions in their letter they sent last week. In the letter they stated, "we do not like the way the Board suddenly brought this matter to a vote without any input from the public and without

giving the police chief an opportunity to be present at the meeting..." Mrs. Costa stated she wanted a credible reason for not reappointing the chief. Selectman Hughes said he had " no comment." Chairman Murphy said "I have no response at this time. I made a decision, I'm sticking to the decision I made. I don't believe I'd like to answer these questions," he stated.

Mrs. Costa said they as residents deserved to know "what brought this about." Chairman Murphy said he respected their concern. "I made this decision on my own. I let the community know what my intentions were up front," he added. Many residents wanted to know what his reasons were for not reappointing the chief. "It's nothing personal...I believe it's time for a change. I have my reasons, I'm not ready to share them. I respect everybody here for asking questions. All I'm prepared to say is, it's time for change. I'm not going any further with this," he said. The 40-50 people in the audience didn't seem satisfied with that answer.

At 7:35 Selectmen met with Mr. Thomas Simpson to discuss hiring him as a part-time dispatcher. After interviewing him, Selectman Hawkes said she would like to review his application before making any decisions. She also



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asked Chief Dispatcher Susan Kucinski why they needed to hire another part-time dispatcher. Ms. Kucinski said as of July 1, all of the full-time dispatchers were eligible for vacations. They needed someone to cover those shifts, she said. Chief Denham, who was also present at the meeting, wanted to know why his part-time officers couldn't be used to fill in the extra shifts.

"Part-time officers could be available for dispatching as well, why can't we utilize them?We have reserve officers who would probably be more than happy to fill those shifts," said Chief Denham. Selectman Hughes said the chief had requested that

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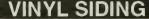
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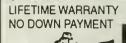
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his officers not be used to fill dispatching shifts. "With part-timers, it's not a problem," the chief explained.

Selectman Hughes said he supported hiring

Mr. Simpson to fill the position.

Once again, Selectmen continued to read three more letters out loud concerning Chief Denham. Mr. Costa asked Chairman Murphy if he thought the chief's termination didn't need a cause. Chairman Murphy stated he wasn't firing the chief; he would not reappoint him. exactly what you are doing to me, is firing me," Chief Denham said. Selectman Hughes explained this year is the first time an appointment for the

chief was a three year one. the strong chief's act, if any appointment is to be made or not to be made (the appointee) must be notified three months ahead," stated Selectman Hughes.

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Chief Denham also had some questions for Selectmen regarding his job position. "You're not firing me? Would I go back to my last holding rank? (If so) I'd go back to lieutenant...you have made a haste decision and put the town at risk. You are trying to ruin my family. You should be severely reprimanded," he stated.

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She also asked for Selectmen to notify in writing of all the circumstances involved in the decision-making process surrounding the chief's removal. "I need to know when you first heard that Mr. Murphy



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was raising the issue. Had there been any prior discussions at other meetings?" she asked. Selectman Hughes and Chairman Murphy noted they had already sent information to her office.

After Selectmen finished reviewing correspondence, Mr. Costa approached Selectmen with a petition to reappoint the chief signed by at least 405 residents. "My phone has rung off the hook...many people have come to our house or took

papers (to sign the petition).

Selectman Hawkes said a situation happened last year when Fire Chief Joseph "Duffy" Clapp was also sent a letter he would not be reappointed. She said he really wasn't doing his job. "I don't see that transpiring with the Chief of Police." "They (Selectman Hughes and Chairman Murphy) don't have to state a reason or cause but it doesn't mean the chief has to sit back and not do anything about it. He can definitely bring a suit against the town. I Don't want to see anything like this happen. As voters of this town, the only thing I will say is you have every right to vote on April 10.

Chairman Murphy said he would like to speak with Town Counsel. "I will consult them and get back to you," he informed the voters. "You have sent a message, I agree it's an important message and I won't take it lightly. I'd like to thank everyone for telling me how they feel. I will get back to you," he said.

Resident Pat Sullivan asked Selectmen if their minds would be put at ease if they knew the

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chief's grade for the course he took at Babson College. In the past they had asked for this grade and Chief Denham didn't give it to them. "The reason I didn't give you my grade was because (Selectman Hughes and Chairman Murphy) were trying to force me to give them my grade. It was either pass or fail. It would've been an issue," he explained. He gave copies of his "report card" to Selectmen and the press. He received an A for the law enforcement management course. Selectmen met as a personnel board and adjourned at 8:30 pm.





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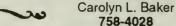
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Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting January 29, 1996

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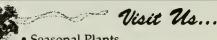
A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 29 by Chairman Peter W. Koczera. Also present were Selectman Everett L. Hardy, Selectman Robert J. St. Jean and Executive Secretary Elaine G. Miranda.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, Ms. Miranda noted the Conservation Commission wrote to the Board of Selectmen informing them that they are applying for a grant to update the maps of the town. Selectman Hardy moved that the letter be placed on file.

The board also received a letter from Lawrence D. Worden, Commissioner of the New Bedford Department of Public Works, advising them that the city of New Bedford has received a request to discontinue a portion of Bartlett Street — a private way between Westland and Norwood Streets which abuts the Acushnet town line.

Since there are several residences in Acushnet whose sewer services are connected to New Bedford's system, Mr. Worden advised they are seeking an easement from the owner(s) of the property so that related sewer pipes may continue to provide service.

Selectman Hardy moved that this matter be forwarded to the Department of Public Works, with Chairman Koczera adding that an easement from the property owners is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The motion was unanimously passed by the board.



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The board next received a request from Emergency Medical Services to transfer \$1,500 from the Reserve Fund to purchase cervical collars (neck braces) for use at accident scenes. According to EMS Director Adrienne Rivet, they were previously able to replace the collars they used at St. Luke's Hospital, but that practice has been stopped. The anticipated expense represents the estimated purchase of 12 to 15 collars a month for the next six months at a cost of \$15 per collar. Selectman Hardy moved to transfer the requested amount into the EMS account, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Com/Electric next submitted a petition for a proposed joint pole location and the removal of an existing pole on Nestle Lane near the New Bedford/ Acushnet line. The proposed relocation is required to accommodate a new development. Ms. Miranda noted that the petition does not require notice to abuttors or an advertised hearing. The board approved the petition.

Selectman St. Jean, however, wanted to know if Com/Electric could be contacted regarding the old utility poles which are being cut and tied to newlyinstalled utility poles around town. "I've seen quite a few instances where (they) cut the old poles and

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just tie them to the new ones," he said. "I think in some cases it's rather dangerous and I'd like to discuss this with them."

Resident Muriel Hoyle next sent a request to the board to install a street light on Cox Street. Selectman Hardy informed his fellow board members that Ms. Hoyle had called him about this matter, and he told her that the town's current policy is not to install any new street lights unless an impending safety hazard warrants it. As such, the board agreed to have the Safety Officer check the location and make a recommendation to them.

The board next received notice from the Fire Department that they had solicited bids via telephone for the purchase of new air bags (and as per the recommendation of Town Counsel). The department had previously received two bids — one which was higher than the amount allocated by Town Meeting, and another which was for an inferior product.

But the Firefighters' Association agreed to kick in the difference for the higher amount, and the board approved the recommended purchase of three Hurst air bags (one one-ton, one three-ton, and one nine-ton) at a total cost of \$5,183 from FireMatic of New York. The bags are used to help cushion and/or release people who are trapped under vehicles at

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At 6:20 pm the board met with Steve Grossman, District Manager of Cablevision Industries (CVI), regarding rates changes which are taking effect February 1. In Acushnet, the monthly rate for Basic Cable will be reduced from \$12.12 to \$11.71, while the rate for Programming Tier 1 will be increased from \$10.70 to \$13.26. Mr. Grossman noted that the rate for CVI Full Service, a combination of Basic and Programming Tier 1 and the most popular cable package, will increase by \$2.16, from \$22.72 to \$24.88 per month.

Basic Cable includes local broadcast (network) stations, community access channels, public access, C-Span, and others. Tier 1 service includes Basic Cable plus the USA Network, ESPN, Nickelodeon, and others.

"Despite the ups and downs cable customers have experienced with rates as the federal rules have changed over the last three years, (Acushnet) has fared well," Mr. Grossman said. "The price for CVI Full Service (in Acushnet) has gone from \$24.20 to \$24.88 a month — that's just a 3.6 percent increase over three years, or 1.2 percent per year."

Mr. Grossman added that 94 percent of CVI's customers take Full Service, only 6 percent have only Basic Cable. System-wide, 50 percent of CVI's



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customers also have additional outlets, which is up from 46 percent in 1993. Mr. Grossman also noted, for comparison, that in August of 1993, Acushnet cable subscribers paid \$36.70 per month for the Full Service package, whereas in February they will be paying just \$26.18 per month — a difference of \$10.52.

Under New Business, Selectman St. Jean informed his fellow board members that after meeting with the School Committee and members of the Finance Committee last week, it was determined that the budget could no longer allow for school bus monitors on both the morning and afternoon shifts. As such, Selectman St. Jean said they have decided to continue using school bus monitors only on the afternoon (pick-up) shifts, effective this week.

"There's only enough money in the budget to continue with the afternoon runs through the end of the year," Selectman St. Jean said. "We're looking into electronic surveillance (video cameras), and we're exploring other options ... but we've been forced to cut out the morning monitors right now."

Chairman Koczera said the board had conducted an on-site inspection of the property at 60 Middle Road earlier that afternoon, and he noted that about one-third of the parcel can be considered wetlands. He added that the rear portion is very wet,





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and the board was waiting for a delineation of the wetlands from Conservation Agent Laurell J. Farinon.

Chairman Koczera wished to remind all residents and political candidates that under Acushnet Town By-Laws (Article 4, Section 10A), no political signs or car roof racks can be put up or displayed until 30 days prior to the election — this year slated for the first week of April. Hence, no signs or political paraphernalia — with the exception of bumper stickers — should be displayed before the first week of March.

The cited By-Law clearly states: All political



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Chairman Koczera and Ms. Miranda both noted that they had received calls during the week from residents who were complaining about candidates in violation of this town ordinance. Chairman Koczera also added that placing any political flyers, cards, or other advertisements inside residents' mailboxes is a federal offense — and he had been told of the same illegal practices prevailing in town.

"We urge the political candidates running this year to contact the Town Clerk's office to find out what they can and can't do," Chairman Koczera said. "Otherwise, they'll be forced to pay the fines." Town Clerk Lillian B. Garbaciak can be reached by calling 998-0210.

At 6:45 pm, the board unanimously voted to

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enter into Executive Session and would return to regular session only to adjourn for the evening.

Mattapoisett Police Log

The following log excerpts are for the dates of January 21-27, 1996.

- •County Road-medical assistance
- Acushnet Road-motor vehicle accident, hit and run-Acushnet Road
- •Marion Road-suspicious activity
- Driscoll Lane-suspicious activity
- County Road-suspicious persons
- •County Road/Barstow Street-motor vehicle accident
- Main Street-medical assistance
- Antassawamock Road-209A served
- Lebaron Way-harassing phone calls
- Reservation Road-suspicious activity
- Chapel Road-protective custody
- North Street-suspicious activity

Rochester Police Log

The following log excerpts are for the dates of January 21-27, 1996.

- •Walnut Plain Road-animal complaint
- •Sarah Sherman Road-medical assistance
- Marion Road-larceny
- New Bedford Road-medical assistance

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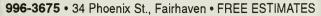


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- •Dexter Lane-medical emergency
- Edgewater Lane-suspicious activity
- Wareham Road-annoying phone calls
- Blackhall Court-annoying phone calls
- Cottage Street-suspicious activity
- Quail's Crossing Road-annoying phone calls
- Cove Street-lost property
- Spring Street-animal complaint

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- Budano Drive-vandalism
- Main Street-disorderly, disturbing the peace
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- Hope Street-domestic disturbance
- Main Street-vandalism

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

On the afternoon of Thursday January 25, I went to the Seaport Pharmacy a.k.a the "Windtunnel" which I have patronized for many years to pick up a copy of the Wanderer.

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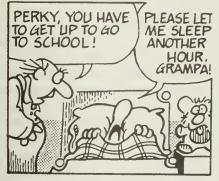
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Thank you Charlie. Cordially, Anthony Costa (Sunny) Fairhaven

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Town Of Marion

Debra Blanchette, Marion Town Clerk, has announced that Absentee Ballots are now available for the Special Election to be held on Friday, February 16, 1996. Anyone wishing to vote prior to the election because of absence from town on election day may vote in the office during regular business hours; Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm and Fridays from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

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Senior Citizens Needed!

There are three programs at Center School that need Senior Citizens! Please call the COA office if you are interested in any one of them (758-4110).

The Third Grade Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Jean West, would like to invite seniors who find joy in singing to join them at their chorus rehearsal on February 2, 1996 at 10:30 am in the auditorium at Center School.

Seniors are also needed to read to grades 1-3 for one hour each week. Call Principal Jack Murphy at 758-2521 if interested.

After School Program Workshops Sought

For the past four years, Center School has offered an After School Enrichment Program for students. This program was developed as a result of the expressed desire by many parents to have more enrichment activities available to students after school. After school activities in the past have included arts and crafts, sewing, quilting, computer workshops, drama, drawing, baton twirling, soccer, clay, writing and introduction to foreign languages.

We would like to be able to continue this program again this year. Each activity meets for one hour a week, usually on a Wednesday or a Thursday, immediately after bus dismissal. In order to ensure the continued success of this program, we are again seeking parents who would be willing to conduct a workshop during the remainder of the 1995-1996



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school year. Each workshop runs for an 8 week period and presenters are paid for conducting a workshop. We are hopeful that Session One of the After School Enrichment Program will begin sometime during the middle of February, if we can find enough people interested in conducting workshops. So far, we have only heard from one parent who would like to offer a workshop. If you have a particular hobby, skill, sport or activity that you would like to share with students as part of this program, please contact Mr. Murphy by either calling 758-2521 or send him a note by February 9. If you know of someone who would like to offer an activity, please share this information with them. *Pen Pals*

The Old Hammondtown School would like the senior citizens of Mattapoisett to be Pen Pals to students in grades 4-6. We need many names so please call if you would be willing to do this. It will be a fun thing for the two generations to share.

UMass Chancellor's List

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Panek and Laurie Surprenant.

Plumb Memorial Library

We want your pennies! (or other spare change) Bring them to the library and donate them to Pennies For Programs. The Friends of the Library are holding their annual fundraiser to raise money for the Summer Reading Program. Last year your donations helped provide entertainment and reading incentive prizes for the 7-week program. Money can be placed in the big bottle at the library, and people who make donations are invited to guess how much the bottle will hold when we empty it in July. The five people coming closest to guessing the amount win a great prize. Adults, young adults and children are all invited to participate. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Plumb Library.



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The Friends of the Library are now accepting donations for their annual booksale which will take place in June. The Friends will accept books of all



kinds and for all age levels. They are also interested in your used video cassettes, books-on-tape, toys, computer software, or other items from your attic. They will NOT accept musty or mildewed material, and prefer not to get magazines or books without covers. Donations may be brought to the library during regular business hours.

The Plumb Library is open Monday and Thursday from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm; Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The library is closed on major

holidays.

Mattapoisett Housing Authority

The Commissioners of the Mattapoisett Housing Authority wish to express their appreciation to Louise Sousa and Nancy York for organizing the delightful Christmas supper for the tenants at 1 Acushnet Road. The spaghetti and meatballs were delicious and a special thanks goes to our "chef," Sam Turin of Taunton.

The Boy Scouts were snowed out but a special thanks belongs to Ray Clemmey for the excellent job of keeping the driveway and walks cleared. The Commissioners received a thank you from the tenants for Ray's work. If you are interested in learning more about obtaining housing, contact Louise Sousa or Nancy York at 758-4664.

Sippican Woman's Club

The Sippican Woman's Club will hold an evening meeting on Friday, February 9, 1996 at 7:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall. "Studio Furniture" is the featured program presented by Peter Dean, a well-known furniture artist. He will speak about the origins of inspiration for his work and its execution. Peter is a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design. His work has been exhibited at the Yale Gallery of Art, The Boston Museum of Fine Arts and numerous studio galleries. This meeting is open to the public, refreshments will be served.



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Sippican Historical Museum

There will be a Valentine's tea and tour on February 11 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm on the second Sunday of the month, opposite the Marion General Store. A mystery hostess will also be present.

Recycling in 1996

A group of Marion residents is sponsoring an information/education program on Thursday, February 1 at 4:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall at Front Street and South Street in Marion. The purpose is to discuss and explore new ways which are being used to regionalize the recycling of more and different items through expanding marketing opportunities which are currently available.

The speaker will be Dana Draper, executive director of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association of Concord, New Hampshire, which has assisted many municipalities in their recycling

programs over the past 15 years.

Included will be a short slide presentation, Mr. Draper's talk and a question and answer portion. All are invited. Contact Bruce West (748-2345) or Christina Bascom (748-0789) for more information.

Youth Day 1996

Join the celebration on Saturday, February 3, 1996 at the North Dartmouth Mall from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. All community youth are invited to join in "Gear Swap." Youths will be asked to pledge to stay smoke-free by trading in tobacco hats, t-shirts and other promotional items for non-tobacco gear. DARE, Sports Clinics, youth groups, a Deejay, free stuff and information will also be available during the gear swap. For more information call 991-6269. The mall has also declared Saturday, February 3 smoke free.

Intergenerational Chorus

One of the goals of the Center Schools' School Council is to increase senior citizen and Community involvement in our school. A number of ideas have been developed to achieve this goal, including developing an Intergenerational Chorus of senior citizens and third graders.

The third grade chorus, under the direction of Music Teacher Mrs. Jean West, would like to invite all senior citizens, who find joy in singing, to join us at our chorus rehearsal on Friday, February 2, 1996 at 10:30 am in the auditorium of the Center School.

We would love to have our local senior citizens share in our music making and to help our

children to understand that music can be a life-long learning experience. Music knows no boundaries and all ages can work together towards a common

goal-expressing the beauty of music.

We would appreciate our students' parents sharing this information with any senior citizen in Mattapoisett that they may know. If senior citizens need more information about our Intergenerational Chorus, please have them contact Mrs. West by calling the school at 758-2521.

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of February will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 1996 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm and on Wednesday, February 21, 1996 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the Legion Hall, Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

ORRHS

Parents of 8th graders at ORRJHS are invited to a special program on Thursday, February 8, 1996 beginning at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of the senior high school. Specific instructions regarding selection of choruses for grade 9 will be covered and parents will have an opportunity to ask questions of high school counselors and administration.

Poetry Contest Winners

The English Department of Old Rochester Regional High School recently announced the results of its annual poetry contest. This year's contest attracted a record 55 entries from students in grades 9-12. The winners, all members of the senior class, were:

First Place-Maureen Upton for "The Harbor," Second Place-Loring Sittler for "Broken," and Third Place-Elizabeth Coffin for "Rugburn."

Sea Shell Steppers

The Sea Shell Steppers of Acushnet will hold a Valentine's Dance on February 3, 1996 from 8:00-11:00 pm. Squares will be called by Jim Schell. Rounds will be cued by Anna MacDougall. Mainstream/plus level. This dance will be held at the Acushnet Elementary School in Acushnet. Please call 995-7204 or 995-2209 for more information.

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum

You are cordially invited to the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 pm. Join Donna and Ron Lasko in the parlors as they present a unique lecture that explores the pleasures of tea, tradition, courtship, and love. The Lasko's are renowned tea experts and share an interest in history, costuming, theatre, and vintage clothing. Donna and Ron have recently been featured in *Tea* Magazine and their presentations have been widely acclaimed throughout New England.

Tea, champagne and a tempting array of savory sweets immediately following in the dining room.

Admission is \$10, members, \$8. Please make reservations. To make reservations or for more information, please contact the museum office at 997-1401. The museum is located in the heart of New Bedford at 396 County Street. Be sure to attend this elegant evening of romance and history.

Old Colony

Certificates of Successful Completion

Recently, 108 sixth graders from the Ford Middle School and St. Francis Xavier School were the recipients of "Certificates of Successful Completion" for their efforts in Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School's Introductory Afternoon Vocational Program.

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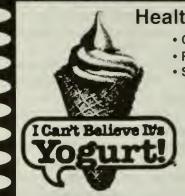
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Lady Cougars Classic Girls Basketball Tournament

On February 18 and 19 Old Colony will be hosting the Lady Cougars Classic Girls Basketball Tournament. To help defray the cost of officials and awards, there will be an admission charge of \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. The tournament schedule begins on Sunday, February 18 at 1:30 pm (Carver High School VS. Old Rochester Regional High School). At 3:00 pm West Bridgewater High School will play against Old Colony. On Monday, February 19 at 6:00 pm the Consolation Game will be held, followed by the Championship Game at 7:30 pm. For additional information, please contact William Hebert at 763-8011.

School Videos Available

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Old Colony has its own school video available for community use. The 8 minute video provides the viewer with an overview of the vocational offerings, the academic program, and the extra-curricular activities. Copies of the video are available in the local middle and junior high schools.



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The guidance office at Ford Middle School, Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, Carver High, St. Francis Elementary and the George Austin Middle School have copies of the production which can be taken home by students and parents. Naturally copies are available at Old Colony. To find out more information about the video or to borrow a copy, contact your local school or the guidance office at Old Colony at 763-8011, extension 26. Elks Student of the Month

The following students have been selected to participate in the Wareham Elks' Student of the Month Program. Kristen Watson, an Acushnet resident and a senior in Old Colony's Computer

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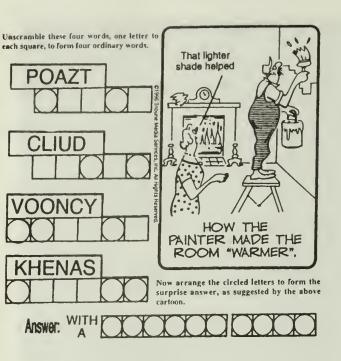
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Information Technology Program; Diane Lackie, a Freetown resident and a senior in the Cosmetology Department; Melanie Rocha, a senior in the Computer Information Technology Department and a Carver resident; and Brian Rumery, a senior in the Electrical Program and a Rochester resident. All students will receive a \$50 bond for their participation in the program, and will be invited to the Elks' annual Student of the Month banquet held in the spring.

Discover Card Tribute Award

Two Old Colony juniors were nominated to participate in the Discover Card Tribute Award Program. Karen Melo and David Dos Santos, both Acushnet residents, were the two nominees. The program honors outstanding high school juniors for their academic excellence, special talents, leadership, and community service. Scholarships are available to students pursuing any type of post-high school education. David is a junior in the Computer Information Technology Program and Karen is a junior in the Electronics Program. Both students plan to attend a four-year college program.

Marion Natural History Museum

Henry T. Callan, antiques dealer and lecturer, will speak at the Marion Natural History Museum, upstairs at the library, on Sunday, February 11 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. The public is invited.

Mr. Callan, a resident of Sandwich, has been interested in antiques since the age of 13 when he purchased his first clock. He is a licensed antiques dealer and a member of the New England Appraisers Association. He does appraisals for estate and insurance purposes.

This program will explore the "Toys of Early America" and the changing attitudes of adults toward children over time. Portraits of children from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries will be used to show both the toys and the changes. The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. Directions may be obtained by calling 748-1252. SEA Partners

Sea Partners Program will be held on Wednesday February 21, from 10:30-12:00 at the museum. This children's program will deal with issues such as marine debris and entanglement and the problems they create in the marine environment. We will investigate the importance of a healthy marine environment for the food web, oxygen generation, and recreational impacts. There will be a slide show and hands-on experiments. All ages are welcome and there is no charge. Geomorphology of Buzzards Bay

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Rochester Memorial School

The cast for this year's Shakespearean production at the RMS has been selected. The production will be presented Thursday evening, April 4, 1996 at RMS. This year's play will be "Hamlet" under the direction of sixth grade teacher Danni Kleiman, with sets, music and costumes by teachers Jody Church, Linda Tilden, Chris Ashley and Chris Williamson.

The cast includes 5th and 6th grade students: Evan O'Meara (Hamlet), Jon Whalley (King Claudius), Bethany Masten (Queen Gertrude), Jared Barker (Polonius), Robert Sevigny (Laertes), Ryan Adams (Horatio), Amanda Sousa (Marcellus), Greg Ross (Osric), Dan Sullivan (Ghost), and Autumn Collasius (Rosencrantz).

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Trust For Public Land

Two public forums have been scheduled by the Trust For Public Land (TPL) to discuss the proposed acquisition by the Town of Marion of 16 acres of land on Hammett's Cove. The first forum will be at 7:00 pm on February 1 and the second at 7:00 pm on February 8. Both will be held in the Music Hall on the corner of Front and Cottage Streets in Marion. Badge Blackett, TPL's Senior Project Manager, will present the details of the project and answer questions from interested residents.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You'll be sharp as the proverbial tack. Hopefully you'll learn enough to get you through.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Troubles with finances could have you worried. Don't fret, a new opportunity could come along soon. You'll have no trouble with a tough job.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). The moon's in your sign. Mercury goes direct, lifting a barrier that's been in your way for the past few weeks. Apply for a loan.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You may feel pressured. You may not have a moment for yourself. Do something relaxing so you'll be ready to take on the world.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Meetings and team projects will go well. Your enthusiasm will be infectious. You may even get voted into a leadership position.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An increase in your workload could make you nervous. Just take it one thing at a time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're one happy camper. Love, travel, and intellectual endeavors are all favored.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Hassles you encounter should clear soon, so keep after what you want. You should do well in discussions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're able to learn easily. An argument could be frustrating, but informative. Save your shopping until later. You'll be more adept with finances then.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A job may have to be done over. A supportive remark could draw you to a new friend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You should be in a good mood, but hassles with a bureaucrat could have you stumped. Give work your full attention.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Finish a big assignment, whether you feel like it or not. If you're having trouble, ask a more experienced person to help.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: You're lucky in love this year. Finish what you promised, so you can get on with your life. Board of Selectmen to assist in the acquisition by the Town of two parcels of land, totalling roughly 30 acres on Hammett's Cove. One parcel, 20 acres in size, belongs to the Jenney Family Trust; the second parcel, abutting the Jenney Land, is 10 acres in size and belongs to Boatworks Realty Trust.

TPL reached purchase agreements with both land owners last year and working closely with the Town, defined a 16 acre portion of the combined properties which encompasses all of the resources that the Town felt were most important to the project. The property included more than 1,400 feet of shorefront access on Hammett's Cove and a large upland buffer that will help protect existing vistas on this part of the upper harbor. An article on the warrant for the February 13 Special Town Meeting will ask the town to approve the acquisition of the 16 acres for \$600,000.

A Family Songfest

The Toy Box presents a family songfest with Kevin Devine (Boston Parents' Paper 1995 Entertainer of the Year) on Sunday, February 4, 1996 at 3:00 pm at the ORRHS Auditorium, off Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Tickets are on sale at the Toy Box in Mattapoisett and cost \$2 each or \$6 per family. All the proceeds of the concert will be awarded to the

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Mattapoisett Bridge Club Friday, January 19 Winners Were: North-South First: Betty Whayne and Bob Holt, Second: Helenka Currens and Jack Bozovan, Third and Fourth Tie: Isabel Ford and Elizabeth Robertson. and Helen Demello and Barbara Gordon. East-West First: Lorraine Tuxworth and Dr. Peter Knowlton, Second: Florrie and Martin Smith, Third: Bertha Pentleton and Priscilla Lawton. Winners in the evening were: First and Second Tie: Barbara Gordon and Helen Demello, and George Riley and Zhou Jia Liu. Dartmouth Bridge Club Monday, January 22 Winners Were: First: Ruth Cunningham and Charlotte Figueiredo, Second: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rothman, Third: Laura McLeod and Gail Sanchez, Fourth: Douglas McCormac and Paul Matheson, Fifth: Helen Demello and Ian Morris. Wednesday, January 24 Winners Were: North-South First: Bob D'Anjou and John Bissonnette, Second: Lillian Johnson and Joanne Greaves, Third: Dr. and Mrs. Bertram Howard. East-West First: Bea Strohmeier and Felix Raffa, Second: Betty Whayne and Tobie Lechan, Third: Charlotte Figueiredo and Pam Mendozo. Thursday, January 25 Winners Were: North-South: First: Bob D'Anjou and John Bissonnette, Second: Leona Rosenberg and Debbie Barry, Third: Lillian Johnson and Zelda Howard, Fourth: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rothman, East-West, First: Barbara Gordon and Clifton Jackson, Second andThird Tie: Mary Terpeny and Carol Schwarzmann, and Bea Strohmeier and Helen Demello, Fourth: Nancy Thelin and Karen Halloran.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The owners of Old Wood Road and Harbor Acres Lane will close these private roads to public traffic on February 4, 1996. William E. Mansfield Donald L. Mansfield, Owners 01/26, 02/02

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W95-4824

Alfred and Elva B. Zaffini and Henry Baldelli Notification Date: February 8, 1996

Public Notice is hereby given of the application by Alfred and Elva B. Zaffini and Henry Baldelli to maintain existing groins at 60 Shore Drive in the municipality of Mattapoisett in and over the waters of Aucoot Cove. The proposed use of the structure and/or fill is to provide shoreline stabilization for the protection of existing structures and is a water-dependent use project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617)292-5695. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: John A. Simpson, Program Chief, DEP/Waterways Regulation Program, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

> TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 1996 at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request For A Determination of Applicability submitted by Howard G. Crowell Jr., 3970 Prairie Dunes Drive, Sarasota, FL 34238.

The proposed project is to reconfirm a wetlands line previously approved by the Commission. No work is proposed at this time.

The project is located at Pine Island Road and is further identified as Lot 108B on Assessors Map 5. Daniel J. Bungert, Chairman 02/02

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following petition and applications:

Application of Sidney F. and Louisa May Greeley of 559 Grove Street, Framingham, MA 01701 re property located at 36 Ned's Point Road. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section Ill. A.2. b of the Zoning By-Law to construct a 12' x 16' kitchen addition to a lawfully nonconforming structure. The property is further described as Lot 122, Plat 7 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 15, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. #756

Petition of Jose and Mary Jo Freitas of 4 Riverside Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 4 Riverside Drive. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Section VI.E of the Zoning By-law to allow a 1.5 foot street setback encroachment. The property is further described as Lot 63H, Plat 21 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 15, 1996 at 7:20 P.M. #757

Application of William Straus and Kerry Shortle of 8 Nashawena Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 8 Nashawena Road. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section III.A.2.b. of the Zoning by-Law to construct a 6'6" extension to an existing non-conforming structure which fails to meet the required rear setback. The property is further described as Lot 124, Plat 15A on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 15, 1996 at 7:40 P.M. #758

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, William D. Armitage, Chairperson Jeffrey R. Chase Nancy L. O'Brien

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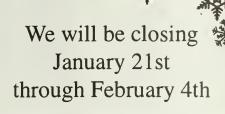
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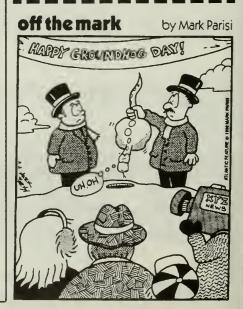
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Regional Lunch Menus for February 5-9

Coastline Elderly Services

- •Monday, February 5-baked macaroni and cheese and spinach, branola bread, juice, applesauce
- Tuesday, February 6-beef pot pie, mashed potatoes, pumpernickel bread, jello with fruit.
- Wednesday, February
 7-hamburg chow mein, noodles,
 Oriental vegetables, sourdough
 bread, pineaple square
- •Thursday, February 8-veal cacciatore, boiled potatoes, Italian vegetables, Italian bread, fresh fruit.
- Friday, February 9-fish nuggets, oven fries, sliced beets, corn bread, citrus sections.

ORRJHS

- Monday, February 5-soup, shepards pie or chicken patties, applesauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.
- Tuesday, February 6-lasagne or steak'm, garlic bread, greenbeans, dessert, juice or milk.
- •Wednesday, February 7-soup, beef fajita pocket or chicken fritters, lettuce, tomato, cheese, chips, dessert, juice or milk.
- Thursday, February 8-BBQ chicken or ham and cheese croissants, rice pilaf, carrots, roll, dessert, juice or milk.
- Friday, February 9-calzones or rib-a-que, greenbeans, applesauce, dessert, juice or milk. Salads and assorted sandwiches are also available daily.

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• Friday, February 9-calzones or rib-a-que, greenbeans,

Old Colony

applesauce, dessert, juice or milk.

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are also available daily.

- •Monday, February 5-chicken pattie roll, oven fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, fresh fruit and frosted cake.
- •Tuesday, February 6-turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, bread, and butter and mixed fruit.
- •Wednesday, February 7-grilled hot dog, baked beans, potato pattie, corn, apples, and assorted pudding.
- •Thursday, February 8-orange juice, spaghetti with meatsauce, roll, salad, cheese wedge and chocolate chip cookie
- Friday, February 9-tomato macaroni soup, tuna roll or grilled cheese, spicy fries, mixed vegetables and dessert.

Acushnet Elementary School

- •Monday, February 5-baked, breaded chicken, rice, corn, milk and dessert or bologna and soup. •Tuesday, February 6-BBQ riblet sandwich, green beans, milk or ham and cheese and soup.
- •Wednesday, February 7-lasagna with meat sauce, salad, milk and dessert or turkey sandwich, and soup.
- •Thursday, February 8-hot dog on

- a roll, french fries, raw veggies, milk and dessert or bologna and soup.
- Friday, February 9-pizzeria pizza with linguica, salad, milk and dessert or tuna and chowder.

Ford Middle School

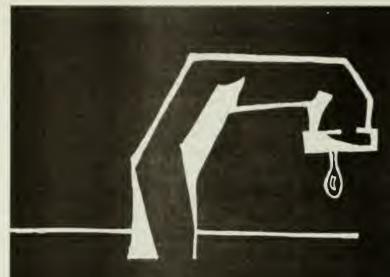
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- Thursday, February 8-hot dog on a roll, french fries, raw veggies, milk and dessert or bologna and soup.
- Friday, February 9-pizzeria pizza with linguica, salad, milk and dessert or tuna and chowder.

Upper Cape Cod

- •Monday, February 5-hot dogs on a roll, baked beans, or cole slaw, chocolate mousse and milk.
- •Tuesday, February 6-meat covered mashed potatoes, buttered bread or vegetable, fresh fruit and milk.
- Wednesday, February
 7-American Chop Suey, garlic sticks, or tossed salad, fruit and milk.
- •Thursday, February 8-hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potato with gravy or tossed salad, fruit and milk.
- •Friday, February 9-pizza with assorted toppings, homemade hash browns, or tossed salad, peanut brittle bar and milk.

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Sun.	7:36	7:56	12:49	1:19			
Mon.	8:15	8:35	1:24	1:39			
Tues.	8:54	9:14	1:59	2:21			
Wed.	9:32	9:53	2:35	2:55			
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